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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR



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Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the nice weather and I want to wish you, in advance, a very happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day is important because we take time to honor our veterans, both past and present. We must never forget their sacrifices and the sacrifices made by their families.

There are many fun events happening every day in Milwaukee County. On May 18th, the Sprecher Traveling Beer Garden opened up its season closeby at Root River Park in Greendale. It heads to Froemming Park in Franklin on June 15th, followed by an inaugural visit to Hales Corners Park, starting on July 27th. I also encourage you to visit Boerner Botanical Gardens and the Wehr Nature Center. We list upcoming classes and activities for both attractions at the end of each edition of *Privileged to Serve*.



Supervisor Taylor, along with Milwaukee County Parks Director John Dargle (right) and Hans Weissgerber (left), speaks prior to tapping the ceremonial keg at Maifest at Estabrook Park.

It seems like construction and summer go hand-in-hand – and, there is a great deal of construction occurring in the 9th District. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office. I am here to serve you, and I always look forward to talking with the fine residents of Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek.

All My Best,

IKEA ARRIVES IN OAK CREEK

On May 5th, local officials from the City of Oak Creek and Milwaukee County announced that the popular Swedish home furnishing retailer, IKEA, will open its first Milwaukee-area store in Oak Creek. The location, which will be located along the west side of Interstate 94, north of the Drexel Avenue exit, is scheduled to open in Summer 2018. The store will be located on the plot of land acquired by Northwestern Mutual in a land swap with Milwaukee County in 2012. This land swap allowed Milwaukee County to expand Falk Park and provided Northwestern Mutual with attractive real estate for development. The plot of land that the store will occupy is about 30 acres.

City of Oak Creek leaders plan to develop the 20 acres of land near the planned IKEA site. The City will collaborate with the current owners of the plot of land, Northwestern Mutual, to attract developers and businesses to the site. Potential development would likely be re-zoned as retail and will likely include a new steakhouse, [according to Oak Creek Mayor Steve Scaffidi](#). On May 17th, the city's Common Council approved an \$18.2 million tax incremental financing package for the IKEA store, including \$5.18 million for utility work and road extensions that would accommodate future development. Oak Creek leaders anticipate a \$60 million investment from IKEA in the area, which should leverage the additional development that will help Oak Creek to become a regional attraction for businesses and shoppers alike.



Supervisor Taylor and Oak Creek Mayor Steve Scaffidi attended the press conference announcing IKEA's Oak Creek location on May 5th.

ARBOR DAY 2016



On April 29th, Supervisor Taylor joined Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and the first grade students from South Milwaukee's Rawson Elementary School for an Arbor Day celebration. During the annual celebration, hosted by Boerner Botanical Gardens, students planted a Johnny Appleseed tree, along with a Heritage Hybrid Oak Tree. As part of the planting ceremony, the students wrote wishes on slips of paper and placed them in the holes for the trees. Free saplings, courtesy of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and Argosy Foundation, were distributed to the first 100 visitors to the event. The Arbor Day celebration marked the 2016 season opening of the Gardens, which will be open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily thru October.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The first official meeting of the 2016-2018 term of Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m. in Courthouse Room 200. The June 2016 edition of *Privileged to Serve* will feature a full recap of the meeting. To view the votes on all actions taken by the County Board and its standing committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

The Traveling BEER GARDEN™ 2016 Tour



Come celebrate a Milwaukee tradition with your friends, family, and neighbors in your parks! Featuring Sprecher Brewing, Co. craft beer, gourmet soda, delicious snacks, and more.

Celebrate the kick-off of each stop on opening day with our ceremonial keg tapping, LIVE LOCAL MUSIC and FREE BEER and ROOT BEER while it lasts!

ROLL OUT THE BARREL TOUR

May 18 - June 12

Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park
92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale

May 19th: Beer Garden 5K
beergarden5k.com

June 15 - July 10

Grant Park
100 E. Hawthorne Ave. by Picnic Area #5, South Milwaukee

★ **July 4th Celebration**
City of South Milwaukee

July 7th: Beer Garden 5K
beergarden5k.com

July 13 - Aug. 7

Greenfield Park
2028 S. 124th St. by Picnic Area #3A, West Allis

Aug. 4th: Beer Garden 5K
beergarden5k.com

Aug. 10 - Sept. 16

Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park
92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale

Sept. 14th: Beer Garden 5K
beergarden5k.com

PASS ME A PINT TOUR

May 18 - May 30

Juneau Park
Prospect Ave. & Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee

June 1 - June 12

Kletzsch Park
6798 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy., Milwaukee

June 15 - June 26

Froemming Park **June 16th: Beer Garden 5K**
8801 S. 51st St., Franklin beergarden5k.com

June 29 - July 10

Holler Park
5151 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

July 13 - July 24

Red Arrow Park
920 N. Water St., Milwaukee

July 27 - Aug. 7

Hales Corners Park
5765 S. New Berlin Rd., Hales Corners

Aug. 10 - Aug. 21

Brown Deer Park **PHC Classic**
7625 N. Range Line Rd. Aug 19th-Aug 21st
by Clubhouse, Milwaukee LPGA Tournament

Aug. 24 - Sept. 5

Doctors Park
1870 E. Fox Ln. by Picnic Area #3, Fox Point



Live Music:
sponsored by
88Nine Radio Milwaukee

All Stops Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

BEER GARDEN HOURS

Mon-Fri: 4 pm - 10 pm
Sat, Sun & Holidays: 11 am - 10 pm
Last call at 9 pm



**WHITNALL PARK
OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION**

Saturdays & Sundays
September 24 - October 30, 2016

Root River Pkwy near Whitnall Park
92nd St. & College Ave. by Picnic Area #1, Greendale

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WEHR NATURE CENTER

Summer Solstice Fundraiser

Saturday, June 25th
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Help us celebrate the longest day of the year. Join us at sunset for the lighting of the traditional summer solstice bonfire. Enjoy small plate dining and desserts and browse the silent auction that supports Wehr's accessibility project. [Click here](#) to learn more today!

29th Annual Butterfly Count

Sunday, June 26th
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Help us with this citizen science program that has become an annual tradition at Wehr. Dress to be outdoors and on your feet. There will be a second session from 1-3 p.m. at several other County parks. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:


MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE the first FRIDAY of each month!
Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.


MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
"Thank You Thursdays" from 9 am-8 pm!
Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit mpm.edu for additional details.


MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO
2016 Free Days:
Oct. 8, Nov. 5,
Dec. 3
Special Holiday Free Days:
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day &
New Year's Day
Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.


MITCHELL PARK DOMES
FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!
Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaueedomes.org for additional details.

BOERNER CORNER

Boerner Free Days!

Celebrate the 77th year of Boerner Botanical Gardens with free admission! First Tuesday of every month through September. Proof of County residency is required.

2016 Herb Fair

Saturday, May 28th
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Herb Society of America Wisconsin Unit invites you to join them at their 8th Annual Herb Fair. Enjoy the sights, scents and tastes at this celebrated summer event. Interested in becoming a vendor or have any questions? [Click here!](#)

Summer Berry Winemaking & Tasting

Thursday, June 2nd
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Join Karen Lau from the *Purple Foot* for an evening of winemaking and tasting! In this fun and interactive class, you'll learn the basic steps of summer berry winemaking and get hands-on experience starting a new batch of wine. Wine samples and food pairings will be served at the end of the class. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

In the Gardens Annual Fundraiser

Friday, June 17th
5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy yourself and support a great cause at this year's Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens annual fundraiser and silent auction. Food, cocktails and appetizers will be served! Proceeds will directly support FBBG's children's plant sciences and environmental education programs. With your generous support, over 19,000 area children participated in these programs in 2015. [Click here](#) for more information or to learn how to become a sponsor.

Family Yoga at the Gardens

Saturday, June 25th
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Get the whole family outdoors in the fun class that centers around exercising and wellness for the whole family. This is will be a family and kid-friendly workshop. All skill levels are welcome. Suggested for kids ages 4+. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.